

**NUCLEIC ACID MOLECULES AND POLYPEPTIDES FOR IMMUNE  
MODULATION**

**ABSTRACT**

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The invention provides gp38 polypeptides, which play a role in immunomodulation, nucleic acid molecules encoding these polypeptides, and therapeutic and diagnostic methods employing these polypeptides and nucleic acid molecules. The invention also provides methods for identifying compounds that 10 modulate the biological activities of gp38 nucleic acid molecules and polypeptides, and therapeutic methods employing these compounds.

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